

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending and under consideration.

The rejections based on Otani are respectfully traversed. Using independent claim 1 as an example, this claim recites a deck having a protrusion, a spindle motor that rotates an optical disc being mounted on the protrusion, and an optical pickup sliding along a radial direction of the optical disc drive also being mounted on the protrusion. The Examiner relies upon the guide 13 of Otani. However, nothing is mounted on this element.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.


Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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